

Appl. No.: 10/525,540

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REMARKS:

Applicant appreciates the time and care the examiner has taken in examining the application.

Claim Objection. The clause “a zoom lens or an auxiliary lens” has been corrected in the claims as amended above, in accordance with the requirement raised by the examiner.

Claim Rejections. It is submitted that the claims under rejection are allowable as amended above, and that the Section 102(b) and Section 103(a) rejections should be reconsidered and withdrawn, for at least the reasons set forth below.

a. **Section 102(b) Rejection.** Claims 4-6, 12-13, 15-17, and 19 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by *Ueda et al.* All of these rejected claims have been cancelled in the amendment above, and new claims 22-33 are presented in their stead.

Support for the contents of the new claims 22-33 is found in the original specification at p. 8, lines 11-13; page 9, lines 23-25, and FIG. 4, among other places. No new matter is presented.

The invention as set forth in the new claims 22-33 is neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious by the cited reference *Ueda et al.*; new claims 22-33 now include an objective lens “disposed in said main body such that an optical axis of said objective lens substantially coincides with said photographing optical axis”. Therefore, with the objective lens, the invention can achieve advantageous effects in the respect that “graphic data of the photographing objective eyes can be easily obtained with the prevailing portable device having the function”, which *Ueda*

et al. cannot achieve. This is obvious from the fact that *Ueda et al.* only discloses the flash unit 3 which is detachably attached to the camera body 1 with the objective lens 2 attached thereto, and has the first light emitter 4A to project, to a photographic object, the first auxiliary light beam La intersected with the photographic axis Op of the photographic lens 2. *Ueda et al.* fails to disclose the objective lens of the invention as claimed. Accordingly, new claims 22-33 are submitted to be novel and non-obvious over the cited reference, and to be in condition for allowance.

b. Section 103(a) Rejection. Claims 14 and 21 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over *Ueda et al.* in view of *Cambier et al.* These rejected claims have been cancelled in the amendment above, and therefore the rejection should be withdrawn.

Allowed Claims. It is noted that all of the allowed claims, namely claims 8, 10-11, 18 and 20, are presented again above, without any amendments.

Conclusion. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for prompt allowance and that all of the objections, rejections and requirements raised in the Office action have been met. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested. The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions or comments so that efforts may be made to resolve any remaining issues.

Extension Request and Deposit Account Charge Authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including fees for any necessary extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for filing this communication, which extension is hereby requested, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305 of Chapman and Cutler LLP.

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